

SPORTS OF THE HOT SEASON

Big League Pennant Race Becomes Hotter as Time Goes On.

BURT BY BOSTON CHANGES LEADERS

Benevolent Push the Reds Out and the Orioles Climb Over the Spiders into Third Place—Struggle for the Western Honors.

The not altogether unexpected has happened. One week ago the Reds were still in the lead by a narrow margin, today the owners have made such a proposition to the rest of the aggregations at the head of the column. But as pretty a race as one would want to see is still going on.

It has been a week of pure gain for both the Boston Demolishers and the Orioles, each having won all the games they have played. The seven days were full of disaster for the Reds and the Castaways, each losing all they played, except one.

The Hoosiers have dropped back appreciably in the running in the Western league during the last week. The seizure of first place of the week before by the Blues was followed by the purloining of second place by the Brewers, forcing Indianapolis into third position.

The decision that was reached in the Holmes-Freedman episode has resulted in a wide and general discussion of the Brush anti-rowdy rule—not altogether favorable to that resolution.

The famous Brush resolution does not seem to have the proper effect. There does not seem to have been a year in the past has been so much wrangling in all the big league cities.

There seems to be little doubt that there will be a determined fight at the next meeting of the National league against so long a base ball season as this year's. It is likely that a demand will be made that the first end of the season be shortened by a month—opening May 15 instead of April 15.

Base ball fans are puzzled by their gray matter in trying to explain the epidemic of light hitting that now pervades the league. There have been but few slugging games and the general averages show a steady decrease of base hits among mighty swatters of every club.

It is being pointed out that clubs that are playing the best games are those composed of the old-timers or seasoned players who have had years of practice together.

more. On the other hand, teams that are occupying second division places are overburdened with verdant and unseasoned material—for example, Louisville, St. Louis, Philadelphia. It is explained as a cause of this that the alleged phenoms that are picked up have had their head and chest measurements swelled to such proportions by the little fame they have attained in minor league organizations that they imagine when they get in the big league they are the only huckleberries on the bush.

The Cleveland club is to find a temporary abiding place in Rochester, N. Y. When the present eastern trip is concluded, the Indians will establish themselves there, and commence to play the scheduled home games. It is said, however, that the arrangement is but a temporary one and may be terminated at any time.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

The program of the Council Bluffs Jockey club's running meeting, to be held on the mile track across the river, has just been issued. The meet is to continue for at least ten days, commencing on September 5 and extending to September 15.

There are to be five races each day, according to the program. There are to be selling and handicap races, and the whole gamut of racing distances will be run. The purses are \$100 and \$125, divided into three equal parts, the one big purse, a derby, which will contain \$1,000.

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him credit, and if he has a chance of performing against the meek Tom Kell, it is to be hoped that he will meet with the success he so thoroughly deserves. Neal officiated as backup up to the time of the tournament, but Reynolds made such a splendid substitute that it would be a mistake to let him go away from such a position.

In Sims and Vaughan the same fault is being committed as was done in the two noted during the late matches. They play too much on faith, and make similar strokes at absolutely dissimilar balls.

The captain has yet to make his fifty, but he continues to pioneer his men in the able manner he has shown hitherto, one should not expect much more of him.

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There is very little talk of the bout that is scheduled between Tom Sharkey and Joe Egan in New York next Friday night, and the promoters are not likely to reap much of a golden harvest therefrom.

The reported matching of Oscar Gardner, the featherweight fighter known as the Omaha Kid, with Solly Smith, is leading Gardner's friends to hope that this fight will be a stepping stone for the Omaha lad to the top of the heap in his class.

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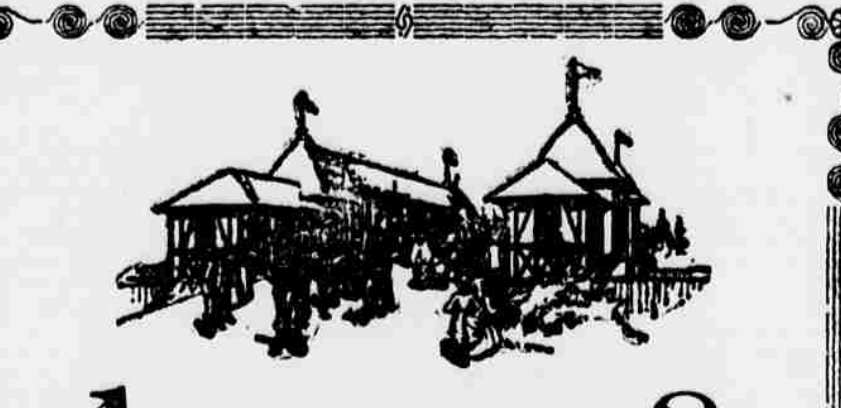
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